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1. I WOULD REPEAT RECOMMENDATION MADE IN REF C THAT FIRST  
CONSIDERATION FOR ANY REDUCTION IN FORCE BE DIRECTED TO THE  
SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH LEAST JUSTIFICATION IS FOUND IN  
OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR EL SALVADOR (I.E. CENTRAL AMERICA  
RESEARCH STATION, INSECTS AFFECTING MAN AND APHS). SPECIFICALLY,  
I RECOMMEND, WITH REGARD TO THE STERILE MALE MOSQUITO PROJECT  
THAT WHEN TERMINATED BY USDA AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, NO  
AMERICAN PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED TO REPLACE THE TWO PRESENTLY  
ASSIGNED IN THE EVENT A WAY IS FOUND FOR AID TO CONTINUE FIN-  
ANCING THE PROJECT UNTIL GOES SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER.

2. US/AID HAS ALREADY TAKEN A NET CUT OF TWO OFFICERS AS OF  
DECEMBER 27, 1977, AND HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT ONLY TWO OF ITS  
FOUR AUTHORIZED IDI POSITION, A TOTAL REDUCTION IN EFFECT OF FOUR.  
IF AID WERE TO BE CUT FURTHER, THEN AS RECOMMENDED IN REF  
D, THE TWO REMAINING IDI POSITIONS NOW BEING FILLED SHOULD BE  
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ELIMINATED, ONE BY ONE. USAID IS ALSO LOOKING CAREFULLY AT ITS  
COMPLEMENT OF CONTRACT PERSONNEL AT POST FOR POSSIBILITIES OF  
REDUCTION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND MOVES ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO ELIMINATE  
THE AMERICAN B AND F POSITION, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
ADDITIONAL LOCAL POSITION (SEE REFTTEL E). WE EMPHASIZE

THAT, WITH INCREASED DEMANDS FOR REPORTING AND OTHER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, THE ECONOMIC SECTION SECRETARY POSITION, INCLUDED IN THE "FIVE PERCENT CUT" SECTION OF REF D, SHOULD REMAIN. WITH INCREASED SECURITY WORKLOAD THE SECURITY BRANCH SECRETARY POSITION SHOULD ALSO BE RETAINED. IT WOULD ALSO CAUSE SEVERE HARDSHIP AND CRITICAL REDUCTION IN THE EMBASSY'S PROGRAMS AND EFFECTIVENESS IF EITHER THE LABOR OFFICER OR COMMERCIAL OFFICER WERE TO BE DROPPED, THUS THESE TWO POSITIONS SHOULD BE LOW ON THE PRIORITY LIST OF POSSIBLE CUTS. THE PERSONNEL OFFICER COULD REMAIN IN THE "FIFTEEN PERCENT CUT" CATEGORY.

4. IN CONSIDERING THE SAN SALVADOR PERSONNEL LEVELS, OVERALL, IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT THE US MILITARY WILL SOON HAVE ONLY THREE MILITARY OFFICERS (NOW FOUR) AND ONE AMERICAN CIVILIAN AS COMPARED TO NINE OFFICERS A YEAR AGO.

5. CANDIDATES FOR FURTHER REDUCTION OF OVERALL STAFF, IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY, ARE STILL THE REGIONAL POSITIONS MAINTAINED IN USIS AND PEACE CORPS.  
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